

**REMARKS**

Applicants file this continuation application based on co-pending application Serial No. 09/140,860, filed August 27, 1998 (the "parent application").

Applicants change the title of the invention and amend the specification to revise the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section inserting the proper claim for priority and serial number of the parent application. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-8, originally filed in the parent application, and add new claims 9-20. Support for new claims 9-20 can be found throughout the specification, and at least on page 4, lines 12-17 and page 9, line 14-24. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that claims 9-20 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry as such.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

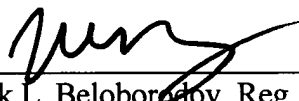
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